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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KENDALL ET AL.

Examiner

Agnes B. Rooke

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date May 2 and 11, 2005 and 5/11/2006
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to paper filed on 11/21/2006.

The Applicants elected Group I, claims 1-12 with traverse. The traversal is on the ground that different methods claimed in the application are related and thus should be examined together. Examiner respectfully disagrees and maintains the rejection because each of the method is distinct, as specifically pointed out in the restriction. Therefore, the restriction is held as being proper and is made FINAL.

A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP paragraph 821.01.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-12 are examined. Claims 13-26 are withdrawn from further consideration as referred to nonelected subject matter.

Priority

This application claims priority to the application 60/454,340 filed on 03/14/2003.

Obvious Type Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140

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F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-5 and 12 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/391,645.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the instant claims 1-5 and 12 refer to a method of treatment of a malignant tumor by administering to a subject a mussel component, where the component is provided as freeze-dried ground whole mussel, said claims are a genus, which encompass claim 1 of Application No. 10/391,645, which is drawn to a method of treating a subject for inflammatory disease comprising administering a PCE component from freeze-dried *Perna canaliculus* mussel.

On page 2, [007] it is stated that PCE is any therapeutically active component derived from the mussel or its organs, where the PCE may be a preparation of the whole mussel that has been freeze-dried.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 5, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/53198.

WO 00/53198 teaches a preparation of lipid extract of mussels from *Perna canaliculus* or *Mytilus edulis*, and the use of the preparation in the treatment of cancer by inhibiting tumor cell proliferation. See page 1, lines 5-13.

Where the extract as having anti-inflammatory activity extracted from crude-mussel powder has an effect on production of human platelets. See page 5, lines 19-27.

Where the preparation is used in diseases as cancers, see page 7, line 28.

Claims 1-3 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bui et al., U.S. 6,596,303.

Bui et al. teach a pet food product and process for producing the pet food product for use for alleviation of arthritic symptoms, where the food comprises an effective amount of an active extract of *Perna canaliculus*. See Abstract.

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In column 2, lines 13-16, it states that certain marine organisms contain compounds that when fed to animals aid in treatment of inflammation, where one of these organisms is *Perna canaliculus* in which its anti-inflammatory activity was first identified in a clinical study on leukemia. (Instant claims 1-3 and 12).

Objected Claims

Claims 6-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner's note as to the relevant prior art:

Macrides et al., U.S. 6,083,536, teach a method of treatment of anti-inflammatory diseases.

McFarlane et al., U.S. 4,455,298, teach a pharmaceutical preparation of the mollusk.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Agnes Rooke whose telephone number is 571-272-2055. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr Bragdon can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-

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